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May 1, 2008

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO FILE A REQUEST FOR A
SOLE SOURCE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH M.C. DEAN, INCORPORATED,
TO PROVIDE NATIONAL OPERATIONS CENTER CONNECTIVITY (NOC)**

PURPOSE

This letter provides advance notification to your Board that the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) intends to enter into negotiations for a sole source agreement with M.C. Dean, Incorporated, (M.C. Dean), to establish connectivity to the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) National Operations Center. This bi-directional connectivity will facilitate mutual situational awareness, information sharing, and response coordination between the Department and DHS during local emergencies or acts of terrorism.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this project is to build a communications link between the County's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and the National Operations Center that will provide immediate disaster information and situation awareness for day-to-day operations and emergency management operations. The DHS and the Department currently monitor this information on a national and local level, respectively.

On March 17, 2008, your Board accepted Homeland Security grant funds from the Urban Area Security Initiative. The grantor approved \$2.7 million for the development of a local connectivity to the National Operations Center.

This project is divided into two phases. In Phase I, M.C. Dean will conduct a needs assessment to determine the viability of the current Department Operations Center

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(DOC) and the County's EOC infrastructures to support National Operations Center connectivity. Phase II consists of the actual build out of the system based on the operational needs assessment conducted in Phase I.

JUSTIFICATION FOR PROCEEDING ON SOLE SOURCE BASIS

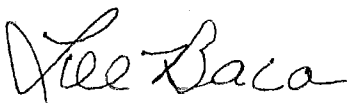
M.C. Dean was contracted by the United States Department of Homeland Security to develop, install, and maintain their proprietary system and software. The custom engineering and coding of the Common Operational Data and Picture Features was developed to the specifications required by the DHS. M.C. Dean's staff have the security clearances required for information sharing, engineering, and integration, which are vital elements in establishing a link to the County.

M.C. Dean's assignment under the proposed sole source contract would be to establish the Department's Situation Awareness Platform Development and create a proprietary information sharing technologies system to link the DOC, the County's EOC, and the DHS National Operations Center.

M.C. Dean's proprietary system and experience specific to the DHS Common Operating Picture and Homeland Security Information Network, as well as the firm's mastery of industry-leading practices for Common Operational Data and Picture development, make M.C. Dean uniquely-qualified.

Pursuant to Board policy, the Department will engage in sole source negotiations with M.C. Dean in two weeks, unless otherwise instructed by your Board. Should additional information be required, your staff may contact Mona Whittouck, Contracts Manager, at (323) 526-5542.

Sincerely,



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